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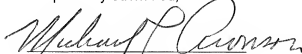
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIALS	DOCUMENT NO.	DATE	NAME OF INVENTOR	CLASS	SUBCLASS	FILING DATE IF APPROPRIATE
	2,263,483	11/18/41	Baumann			
	3,623,889	11/30/71	Falconer et al.			
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FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	62-296851	12/24/87	Japan-English Abstract enclosed			YES
	0 191 487	2/13/86	Europe			YES
	1 245 156 A2	3/7/02	Europe			YES
	1 325 680 A1	12/26/01	Europe			YES
	1,050,213	12/7/66	Great Britain			YES
	00/40098	7/13/00	WO			YES

OTHER DOCUMENTS

			European Search Report
			International Search Report

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